

MRS. WILLIAM SCOTT.

Special Agent And Lecturer for the Home Mission Society.

(The Christian Banner.)

Mrs. William Scott, the special agent and lecturer for the Home Mission Society, speaks to more white audience than any other Negro in this country, and has a great opportunity to defend the Negro against the many newspaper articles that put him in a bad light before the public. She speaks on an average to five audiences of white people each week. It was our privilege to hear her lecture at the Second Baptist church of this city, to a large white audience, Wednesday evening of last



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week, and well did she defend and plead the Negro's cause. No one could listen at her without being convinced that she was a great defender of her race, and was using the exceptional opportunities open to her to plead for justice for her people.

She spoke first of the Negro's fidelity to the white man, and recited examples to prove the statement. She spoke of the Negroes unbounded faith in God, under the most trying circumstances and his deep religious convictions. She painted in glowing terms his loyalty to the government at all stages of the history of this country. She said the flag had never had a truer and more loyal friend than the Negro. She also spoke of his worthiness to be a citizen. That he had won by his labor, toil and devotion to the government a right to citizenship.

She spoke of the duty of the white people to aid in the moral, intellectual, industrial and spiritual training of the race. She made a strong plea for money to run our educational institutions in the South. Mrs. Scott is undoubtedly doing the cause of Negro education great good and making many new friends for him along many lines. She is fortunate in having the opportunity and the race is fortunate in having such a true friend to speak to large numbers that could not be reached possibly in any other way.

Dr. Thomas With us Again.

Rev. Dr. I. L. Thomas, has been re-appointed to Asbury Church. Dr. Thomas is the first Methodist preacher in the history of any branch of Methodism in Washington, D. C. who has been appointed sixth consecutive years at the same charge.

The people of Asbury Church are elated in having their distinguished pastor returned. We are sure that all the denominations congratulate Asbury Church in retaining such a brilliant and influential leader.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

Aguinaldo has "bobbed up serenely."

If Shakespeare lived in these days of rag-time, instead of describing a certain speech as "words, words, word," he would probably dismissed the matter by dubbing it "hot air."

The news that Hon. H. P. Cheatham is to be Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia for four more years has just reached the usually bright, interesting and enterprising Indianapolis Recorder.

Notwithstanding the fact that the President settled the Recordership of Deeds question several weeks ago, we gather from the esteemed Indianapolis Recorder that Mr. J. H. Lott is still running vigorously for that office.

The Omaha Progress need not give The Colored American any credit for the borrowed matter used in its columns—unless it feels so disposed. We have plenty of ideas to give away, and it is possible that Editor Barnett stands in need of them.

The aristocratic minister may be an ornament to the community, but one who had the time to spare from social and other functions to visit the sick and distressed of his flock, giving counsel looking to a larger life and a happier existence, is of far more real benefit to humanity.

A white man took out a license the other day to marry a mulatto girl of this city. He was immediately arrested, and held to answer to a tribunal to establish his sanity. There seems to be an impression that any white man that wishes to live in honorable marital relation with a Negro woman must certainly be crazy.

The Indianapolis public schools are to adopt a practice that is well indorsed by the people of this locality—that of naming each building for some prominent historical personage. The colored citizens of the Hoosier metropolis are not pleased because the name of Lincoln has fallen to a white school, and a demand that the largest colored school be given the honor of flying the banner of the great emancipator—a contention which we hope they will win. Lincoln, Sumner, Phillips, Garrison, Stowe, Lovejoy, seem to belong to us by divine right. Of course, in the naming of the buildings at Indianapolis—and there are probably a dozen—the memory of Douglass, Bruce, Langston, Payne, Banneker and others will not be forgotten.

TO LADIES OR GENTLEMEN.

SCOTT'S HAIR STRAIGHTENER AND GROWER—Makes curly hair grow straight and long. Free to patrons. Enclose a 2c stamp for particulars. Address SCOTT REMEDY CO., Louisville, Ky. When you write mention this paper.

Mrs. Robert Pelham's first public appearance in Washington, in the role of musician, was a positive triumph. She is a pianist of rare talent, and the expression and intelligent portrayal of the motif in the most difficult classics, have deeply impressed the critics and connoisseurs hereabouts. Her rendition of Mendelssohn's "Song Without Words" at the Second Baptist Lyceum, was a revelation. It is possible that Mrs. Pelham may be induced to take a limited number of pupils, as she is devoted to music and finds inspiration in imparting her knowledge and skill to others.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

United Order of True Reformers.

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881.

Office 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va.

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for gilt edged business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 16 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 3 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00 either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.

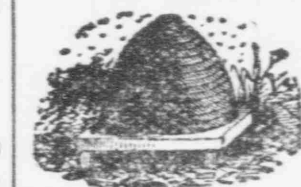
In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$1.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues, \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Classe B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29, 1900 a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.



THE BANK. In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80	Capital stock paid in	\$8,125 00
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164 423 83	Surplus fund	80 957 81
Due from National Banks	48 343 22	Undivided profits	6,826 80
Banking House	14 000 00	Demand certificate of deposits	96 786 29
Other real estates	99 588 00	Time certificates of deposit	118 424 74
Furniture and Fixtures	6 850 00		
Current expenses and taxes paid	1 388 99	Total	391,120 64
Specie, nickels and cents	12,399 80		
Paper currency	35 820 00		
Total	391,120 84		

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home". With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases 18 buildings.

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